

# Nogales Border Crossing Update Border Liaison Mechanism

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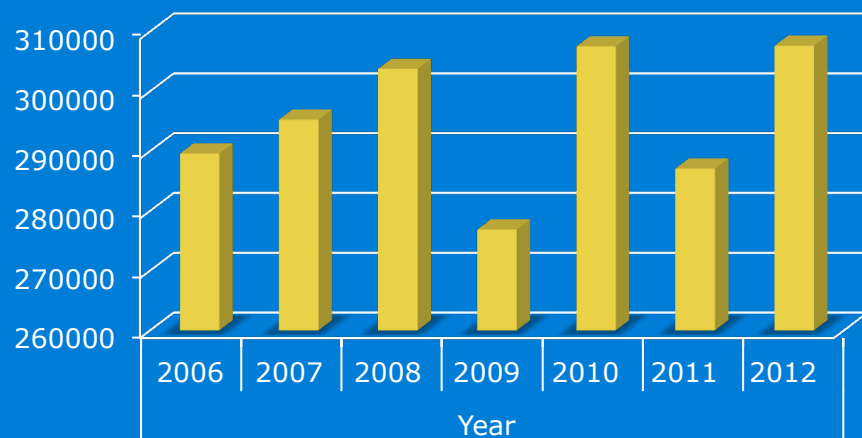
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- Nogales Economic Development Foundation;
- Nogales Community Development Corporation; and
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- US Border Patrol
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- Consejo Empresarial de Nogales, Sonora;
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- Mexican Consulate General – Nogales, Arizona; and
- US Consulate General – Nogales, Sonora.

# Nogales by the Numbers

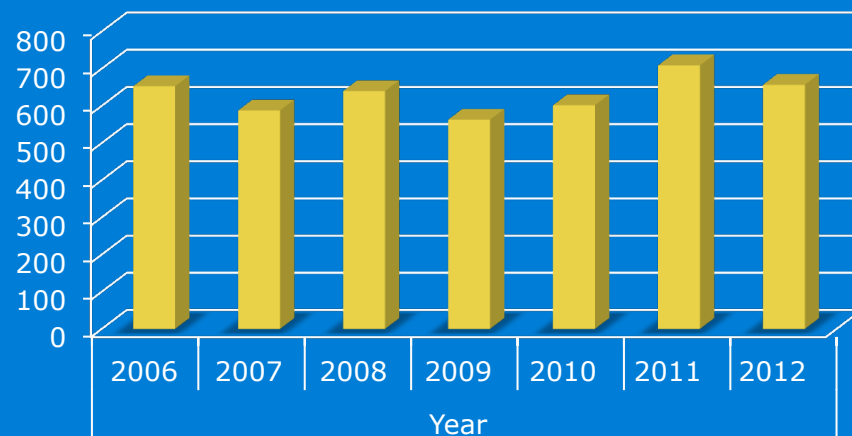
## Trucks



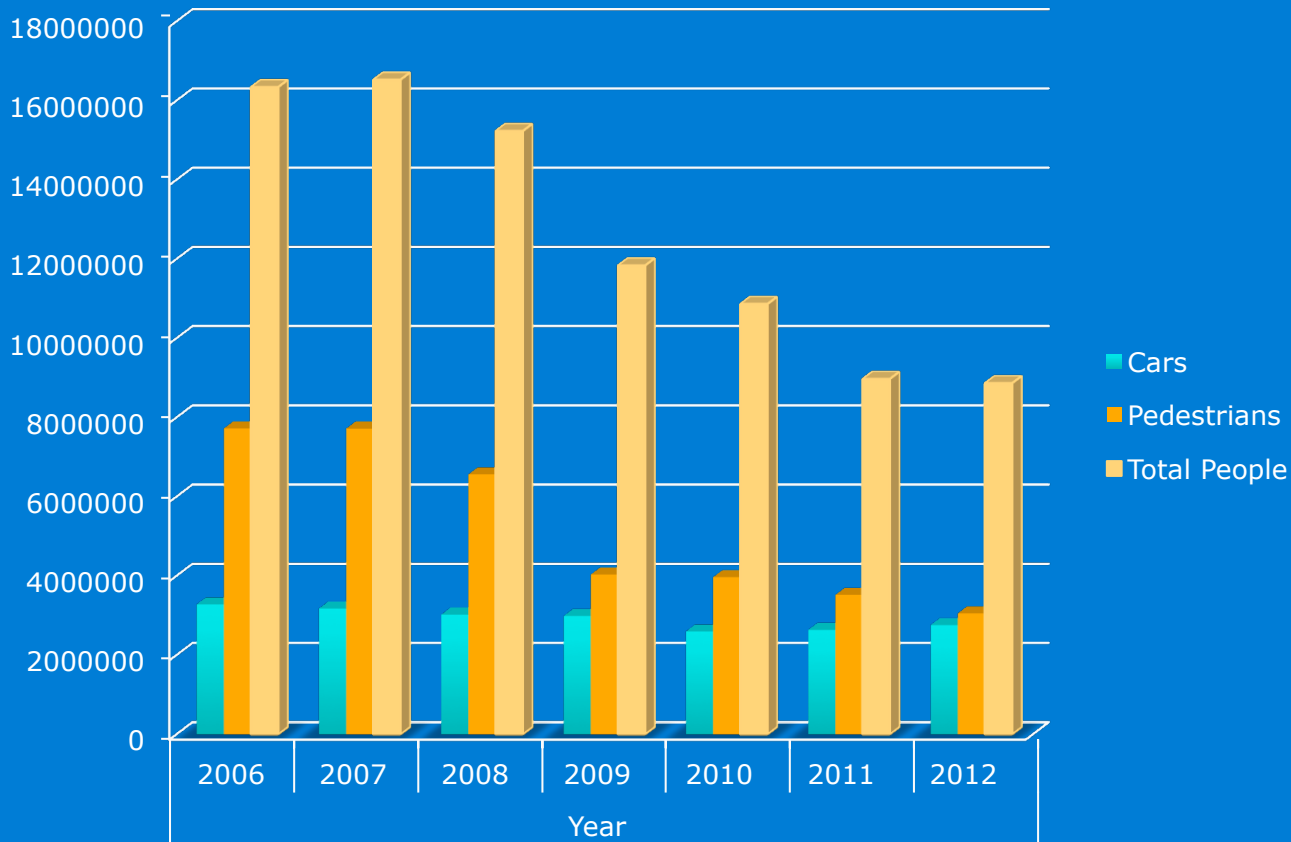
- 2012 sets a new record for the number of trucks processed at Nogales

- Working with UP to find ways to increase volumes of trains at Nogales
- UP is about to complete an expansion of the inspection yard at Rio Rico to process containers

## Trains



# Nogales by the Numbers



- Total people crossing at Nogales is down from over 16 million in 2006 to about 8.9 Million in 2012
- The downward trend in total people is reversing but still a long way to go to reach volumes of years past



# Why Reconfigure Mariposa?



# Justification - Mariposa Reconfiguration

Not designed for pedestrians

- Processing close to 425,000 pedestrians/year

Designed truck throughput: 400/day

- **Daily average exceeds 1,500 trucks/day (Oct – May)**

Effective Inspection Docks: Approx. 20

- No Refrigerated Dock space

**Approx. 4 Billion Pounds of Fresh Produce each season**

- Estimated value: \$2+ billion
- 43% of Fresh Winter produce in entire US!!

Approximately **\$20 billion in Maquila Trade**

Growing wait times to cross the border:



# Mariposa Reconfiguration

- Project completion expected in Summer of 2014
  - Need to ensure that sufficient staffing is allocated to staff all 12 vehicular lanes, 8 cargo lanes, bus lane and dedicated pedestrian facilities
  - Enhanced facilities for southbound inspections
- ADOT soon to complete Design Concept Report (DCR) for the connectivity between POE and I-19
  - Increased POE throughput could be hampered by insufficient transportation infrastructure
  - Project is included in AZ-SON Border Master Plan
  - ADOT has completed \$4.5 million road improvement for the entry and egress of Mariposa POE

# Road Infrastructure



Photo provided by ADOT

- Northbound view of completed road improvements
- Critical to eliminate bottlenecks and address safety concerns for truck traffic
- Need to address pedestrian traffic (pick up and drop off)



# Next Steps

- BLM meetings should be on a predictable and regular schedule
- Stress to US Congress during Congressional debate on Immigration that the security component must include attention and resources to ports of entry
- Must support CBP during Sequestration process as they are forced to do the same job with indiscriminant reduction in resources
  - Appreciate CBP's efforts to reach out to stakeholders during this process

# Next Steps (cont'd)

- Work with Mexican authorities to ensure funding and completion of improvements to the Corridor on the Mexican side of Mariposa:
  - Realignment of pedestrian traffic by November of 2013
  - Widening of northbound lanes for 2+ KM from the border
  - Construction of Aduanas inspection facility to process maquila traffic near industrial parks in Nogales, Sonora
  - Improvements to Aduanas facilities at KM 13

# Next Steps (cont'd)

- Need to address pedestrian traffic issues at Downtown crossings (DeConcini and Morley)
  - Request that GSA conduct feasibility study to determine High-Impact/Low-Cost projects to improve pedestrian traffic downtown
  - Retail sector severely impacted and sales tax revenues for Nogales are down 8.4% in 2012 from 2011

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